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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re App	olication of:)	
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	CHIT PRINTING METHOD)	August 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

(1) Japan 2000-284937

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

	Application No.	Filing Date	Group Art Unit	Attorney <u>Docket No.</u>	Inventor(s)
(2)	09/456,997	12/07/1999	2155	03500.014095	Tsukada, Tsunehiro

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Document (2) has a common inventor with, and is commonly assigned with,

the subject application.

Japan 2000-284937 was cited in the specification at page 2 and is believed

to be pertinent for the reasons noted in the specification. In addition, an English-language

abstract is enclosed for Japan 2000-284937.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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